THOUSANDS TO **VISIT VICTORIA** 

**CITY'S REPUTATION** WILL BE AT STAKE "Fruit-a-tives" Cured Backache After

Ex-Mayor Reilly of Calgary Endorses Mr. Tasse's Beautification Plan. they want wall

(From Monday's Daily.) Interest in the scheme advanced by Joseph Tasse for the beautifying of Victoria is growing, and both new arrivals in the city and old time residents, without exception, give their hearty commendation to the plan. The committee of prominent citizens who are at present engaged in considering

Montreal, now a resident of this city, I have been an off and on visitor to Victoria for the past twenty years, and whilst I observe with pleasure the many improvements made during that period, and I realize that it is an un-gracious task for a comparative new-comer to find fault. My attention, however, has been directed to some things that delay a rapid building up and settlement of the city, that might be changed with a reasonable outlay.

"Strenuous and well directed effort could change these disparaging condi-tions. I feel constrained to agree with Mr. Tasse and endorse what he so inhere say that it is a great blessing and advantage in all communities where apathy or indifference has or threatens to the bard of the bar telligently recommends. And I ma to take root, to have some man wake up and make proposals and ask the co-operation and assistance of those who can give it, which will speedily establish the desired improvements.

"I remember quite well the dissatisfaction that prevailed on the mainland, when it was decided to erect the costly this island. But the traveling world have warmiy endorsed the site made at that time, and admire the taste and arrangement of the whole, such as it inverses a security was elections and a security a security and a security a security and a security and a security and a security a security and a security a security and a security and a security and a security a security and a security a security a security and a security a security a security and a security a security a security a security a security as a security a security as lation with a city beautiful in keeping with itself. Both the governments of Washington and of Ottawa are doing J. J. Baird and J. P. Williams, of San Juan. this, with the endorsement of popular At eight o'clock sharp the chair was approval

hills, the Denver of Canada. And this and province as a whole. was accomplished by a policy of fearative purposes of its people, assisted by more inviting by suggested by Mr. Tasse.

Victoria.

-The Dougals street car line was held up for forty minutes on Satur-day owing to a car running off the track at the corner of Douglas street . "I am considering the feasibility of eascaped a tie-up by a yard or so.

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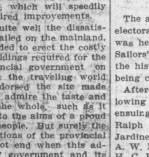
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dictation, but merely to join on the firing line with those whom I know to be desirous of promoting the beauties, the attractions and the popularity of that he will bring before the govern-

The secretary in his annual stateless outlay with well directed effort, inspired by the mutual and co-oper-

ment the coming session the necessity of enlarging the drydock to accommo-

and Pandora avenue. The roadway is obtaining for our association permanbad shape since the laying of the ent headquarters, with suitable recrehigh-pressure main, and is so soft that the car wheels sank down, making it a and billiard table, also reading rooms, difficult matter to get them back on so that our members may spend the the ralls. The Spring Ridge line only eascaped a tie-up by a yard or so. I to my mind will be of creet honefit to my mind will be of creet honefit to to my mind, will be of great benefit to ing was spent by the many friends of the great party to which we belong." An inspiring address was delivered by A. W. McCurdy, who congratulated the association on the large assembly of members, which was a surprise even forerunner of still greater victories to be won.

A committee was appointed to arrange for a banquet to be given to

-The winning number for the Teddy Bear raffle at the Windsor grocery of the widow of the late Bro. J. G. is 75. The holder may now claim the riza

**"ONLY MEDIC NE** THAT DID ME ANY GOOD

Doctors Failed Utterly.



a plan of campaign for advancing the project held another meeting recently, and it has been decided that a delegation will wait upon the provincial government early in the new year to urge that body to take up the matter. James Reilly, an exemayor of Calgary, who held that office for three terms and was also for many years on the council of that city, gives Mr Tasse's scheme his hearty endorsation. In the course of an interveiw has id: "During a few weeks' residence in violation with the course of an interveiw has id: "During a few weeks' residence in violation with the course of an interveiw has id:

### ESQUIMALT LIBERALS **ELECT THEIR OFFICERS**

Be Opened.

The annual meeting of the Esquimalt electoral district Liberal Association was held recently at the Soldiers' and and beautiful buildings required for the Sailors' Home, and was the largest in use of the provincial government on the history of the association, the hall

After many spirited contests the following executive was elected for the gives expression to the aims of a proud ensuing year: Honorary president, gives expression to the aims of a proud and progressive people. But surely the duties and obligations of the provincial authorities did not end when this ad-minable house of government and its officials was completed. In all lands where the seat of government is estab-lished, there is a never ending effort lished, there is a never ending effort williams, and C. N. Tubman; Ed. Milne made to surround this home of legis- and A. Godtel, of Sooke; Jas, Wallace

"The Island of Vancouver may be M. P. P. He spoke of the proximity of "The Island of Vancouver may be fairly called the California of Canada. and if the present efforts, bear fruit Victoria may soon become the rest-dential Los Angeles of the Dominion. "I have lived at Calgary for the past 25 years and seen its growth from a frontier trading post to a place of 25-060 inhabitants, with an assessment of over \$20,000,000, a projud and progressive sandstone city of the outer foot-hills, the Denver of Canada. And this was accomplished by a success a whole

"Esquimalt, B. C., Dec. 23, 1908.

"We have made distinct strides since friendly and sympathetic local govern-ment. So let us all join in effort to membership by 114, making a total of may be the former site of Atlantis, but dwelling, \$1,000. improvements e. only one result, as was on the 26th Oc-tober last, when a glorious victory was make our surrounding attractions still 360 on our roll. Such growth could have this is a pure guess. It was here that "During the coming season the great fair to be held at Seattle will tempt they were to-night, when we assisted in and ruins lying on the ocean bottom. Dr. T. This matter Let us folly Martine to the server to the serv this matter. Let us join Mr. Tasse in when we elected Ralph Smith by a Lib- seems clear from the area of the Sar-tive movement of people. "In conclusion let me say that what I write is done without any spirit of have shown in him, and he will assist

o him, and the activity displayed was

Ralph Smith, M. P. The committee is composed as follows: A. W. McCurdy, chairman; J. C. McIntosh, Alex. Stewart, Albert Wale, Hy. Helgesen, J. J. Baird, Ed. Milne and W. Thompson. Fullerton; S. W., W. J. Berryman; J. W., H. Ingram; S. B., A. Brakes; J. B., W. H. Knight: organist. E. Yardley: The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem,

VICTORIA TIMES, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1908. DETERMINED TO CLEAN **BURGLARS BUSY OUT GRAFT IN PITTSBURG** IN TERMINAL CITY Other Banks Believed to Be In- They Set Fire to Office in Vicvolved in Municipal toria Block-Christmas Corruption.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 26.-That at least \$176,000 was paid councilmen for the selection of certain banks as depositories for the city's funds has been almost positively established by evidence sub-mitted and statements furnished by the Voters' league and the Scranton, Pa.,

detectives employed by the league to corner of Jervis and Haro streets was give this city a municipal houseclean- ransacked and jewelry and silverware Whether all of the banks selected as depositories contributed to this fund perpetrated by a burglar or a gang of has not been established. Officials of burglars in the Victoria block, on Penbut one bank have so far been arrest- der street. Not only were a number of

ed, and they are charged with the pay- offices ransacked, but the villains even benefit from taking "Fruit-a-tives." I ment of \$17,500 of the alleged bribery set fire to the office of the T. F. Pater-suffered for years from backaches and fund. That other bankers are to be ar-

"During a few weeks' residence in "During a few weeks' residence in Victoria my attention has been drawn to several articles in the Times, on a scheme or plan of improvements re-commended by Mr. Tasse, late of Montreal, now a resident of this city. I have been an off and on visitor to Victoria for the nast wenty vears.

out effort, proffers having been made by the leading men of the city.

### **O'BRIEN WILLING TO FIGHT JOHNSON**

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 28 .- "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien has cabled to Hugh McIntosh, the fight promoter, saying that he stands ready to fight Jack Johnson, the negro victor over Tommy Burns, McIntosh is considering upon what terms, if any, the challenge will be taken up.

**MYSTERY OF MISSING** 

## SARAGOSSA SEA

A dispatch recently published in the disappeared. This part of the Atlantic Capt. Rogers, mushroom raising His word was taken seriously by John supposed to be due to the ocean currents, it being in fact a vast eddy between the Gulf Stream and the Equa-torial current—that is, speaking in very M. H. Doble, Duchess street, dwelgeneral terms.

#### SILVER WEDDING.

## Twenty-fifth Aniversary of

Friday S. W. Edwards of the Ca. nadian customs department and Mrs Edwards celebrated their silver wedding. Guests to the number of about ling, \$2,500. thirty were present, and among the number was the groomsman who at-dwelling, \$1,\$00. members, and further the interests who were present as the guests of Mr. ing. \$1,200. and Mrs. Edwards.

> their last meeting initiated new mem- road, kitchen, \$200. elected officers and will be installed into office by district officers, at the uarterly meeting on January 13th: P. . R., W. A. Hurst; C. R., V. Williams; S. C. R., W. C. White; treas-urer, W. P. Smith; secretary, W. F. S. E. Ma dwelling, \$1,800; Thomson, will announce their pro- glas Thomson, will announce their pro-gramme at the next court meeting. glasses which enable the wearer to see

FOR LADIES AND CHILDREN Gifts Stolen. Vancouver, Dec. 25 .- An epidemic of burglaries has taken place in the city lately, and nearly every night reports valued at several hundred dollars Wanton and senseless damage was Umbrella

for charitable distribution. During the

night some one broke in through a

rear window and pilfered the whole

WINNERS OF PRIZES.

Smith & Champion Hold Drawing Be

fore Large Attendance.

Before a large gathering, many whom had been in attendance from 7 p.m., the annual drawing of Messrs.

Smith & Champion took place at 10 p.m. sharp on Christmas eve. The prize

winning tickets were: First, No. 103, a

White sewing machine, valued at \$75;

oak Morris ehair, valued at \$25; fourth, No. 7,249, a Rattan rocker, valued at

\$10; fifth, No. 6,799, a Mohair hearth rug, valued at \$5. That interest is taken

in these drawings was proved by the fact that over 8,000 coupons were in the

box on the right of the drawing, which

is very gratifying to Messrs. Smith &

Champion, who wish to thank all those who assisted in making this their ban-

the second start.

(Continued from page 3.)

John Week, Chapman street, dwel-

Wm. Hawksley, Fifth street, stable,

E. J. Holiday, Niagara street, stable,

W. J. Hatch, Caledonia avenue,

Dr. T. J. Jones, Linden avenue,

James Fairall, Menzies, dwelling,

cn Fisguard street, \$12,000. W: & J. Wilson, Herald street, whole

James Donegan, Wilson street, dwel-

B. Revercombe, Denman street, dwel-

J. J. Sparrow, North Park street,

Mrs. C. E. Bothwell, Cornwall street,

George Oliver, Langford street, dwel-

Mrs. Gray, Cook and Fairfield streets,

W. H. Berridge, Vancouver street,

Ernest Rawlings, Richmond avenue

B. C. Land & Investment Co., small

addition to rear of hotel on Yates

S. E. Matthews, Chambers street,

J. F. Rutherford, Shakespeare street,

sale stores, \$25,000.

dwelling, \$2.600.

dwelling, \$3,500.

workshop, \$200.

dwelling, \$1,800.

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Donegan, Hereward road.

IN VICTORIA THIS YEAR

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house, \$300.

ling, \$1,800.

# EXTRAORDINAR

EVERYTHING

READY-TO-WEAR



"BALL BEARING GUN" MAN IS NO MORE

second, No. 5,026, mahogany parlor cabinet, valued at \$41; third, No. 6,802, Orlan Clyde Cullen Commits Suicide to Avoid Arrest.

> Orlan Clyde Cullen, who for a fey onths some years ago, made Victoria his headquarters, has committed sui

cide. He was about to be arrested, ac cording to eastern exchanges, for using the mails of the United States for im proper purposes, namely, for defraud-ing the public. He committed suicide in

Cullin was to have been a witness in the Hains trial now in progress. Under the name of Charles A. Curtis last ummer he made several statements to the reporters for the newspapers in which he declared Annis had boasted F. McIntyre, counsel for the Hains brothers, and was not refuted by the rosecution. In a day or two "Curtis" disappeared as suddenly as he had

Cullen told those whom he met i Kirk & Co., William street, soda Baltimore that he had gone there to discover some important witnesses for the defence. He lived in the Belvidere, one of the city's leading hotels, but he took his life in an obscure boarding ouse in a suburb just as post office nspectors were about to arrest him for using the mails to defraud by offering to lend money. It was said he obtained considerable money on which he paid interest, but failed to return the principal.

Cullen, it will be remembered, when he was here, posed as the inventor of new weapon-the ball bearing gun. Most of those who had had experience with weapons pronounced the principle upon which he was supposed to haev shaped his gun a wrong one and un-workable. It is said that when Majoreneral Nelson A. Miles and other army officers went to Waterlick, Va., where he lived, to inspect a ball bearing cannon, the eccentric inventor was so excited that he jumped down a well and had to be rescued by farm hands, While he was proposing to purchase vast quantities of food stuffs and coal which he was arranging to have shipped to Japan, the war with Russia being then in progress. In a mysterious way he talked of his arrangements to have it shipped to avoid the difficulties f its being declared contraband. He was a most entertaining talker epresenting that at one time he was ttached to the American embassy at Constantinople. Of commanding ap-

always prompted doubts. For fifteen years he is said to have ously in trouble with the en continu police, who from time to time proved the fallacy of his representations.

MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH.

Lady Tourist (with notebook)-Were you not afraid as you stood there in the jaws of death? Old Salt (reminiscently)-Not that I

Edward F. Geiger, Princess street, hemian. Bevan Bros., Davie street, barn. \$175. Water is the hardest of all substances A French army officer has invented evenearly the same footing.

J. P. Burgess, Hulton street, dwel-Fred Rampley, Belcher street, dwel-J. A. Scott, Mears street, stable, \$150. Geo. C. Mesher, Hulton and Cowan treets, 9 dwellings, \$16,650. Geo. C. Mesher, Pendergast street dwelling, \$1,850. Chinese colony, Chinese public school

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Edwards Celebrate Marriage.

-Court Northern Light, A. O. F., at Mrs. Elizabeth Lohbruner, Connaught bers and held election of officers for the incoming term. The following were Fullerton; S. W., W. J. Berryman; J. W. H. Knight; organist, E. Yardley; trustee, P. R. Smith; surgeon, Dr. Geo. Hall. The committee, who are preparing for a benefit concert on behalf

Report of Its Disappearance BUILDING WAS ACTIVE May Not Prove Correct.

